Possible elements of draft provisions for the Preamble of the draft agreement

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The Parties to this [Agreement],

Being guided by the provisions of the Convention and, in particular, the principles set out in its Article 3,

Conscious that the global nature and urgency of climate change call for all Parties to demonstrate solidarity and cooperation and to provide for an effective and appropriate international response guided by the best available science, including assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change,

Recalling the outcomes of the Rio+20 Conference entitled "The future we want" [and the UN 2030 agenda for sustainable development], 1

Recognizing that responses to climate change need to be coordinated with the goals of sustainable social and economic development in an integrated manner, taking into account the right to equitable access of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, small island developing States and countries in Africa, to sustainable development, and to the achievement of economic growth, and poverty eradication,

Acknowledging that action to address climate change should take into account environmental integrity, the integrity of ecosystems and that of Mother Earth², fully respect human rights³, the right to development, the rights of indigenous peoples⁴, gender equality and human health as well as promote a just transition of the workforce and the creation of decent work in accordance with nationally defined development priorities and strategies,

Taking full account of the specific needs and special situations of the least developed countries and small island developing States arising from adverse impacts of climate change.

[...any elements to be brought in at a later stage based on the outcomes of the negotiations on other sections]

Pursuant to the mandate adopted by decision 1/CP.17 of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention at its seventeenth meeting,

Have agreed as follows:

¹ Following the expected adoption of the 2030 agenda later in September 2015 precise language on the link between climate change and sustainable development could be further considered at ADP2.11.

² Language from Decision 1/CP.18, paragraph 2.

³ Language from Decision 1/CP.16.

⁴ Language from, e.g., Decision 1/CP.16, paragraph 2 (c).